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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Donald Albert "Doc" Guehler of Somonauk, who passed away on September 5, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born May 14, 1925, on a farm outside of Leland to Albert August and Anna (Passow) Guehler; he married Shirley M. Walker on April 11, 1948, at the Federated Church in Sandwich; and

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WHEREAS, He was a family farmer (dairy, hogs, grain, and chickens), a seed corn dealer for both Crow's and Funk's hybrids, an insurance representative, and a real estate agent; he attended rural schools and graduated from Somonauk High School in 1942; he was active in sports, Future Farmers of America, and 4-H, and was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Somonauk and almost a lifelong member of St. John's choir; and

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WHEREAS, He held many positions with St. John's parish over the years, including stewardship and building fund endeavors, high school Sunday School teacher, lay minister, speaker, and congregation president, as was his father and grandfather; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau

1 for four decades and was vice president for decades as well; he
2 was a member of the Somonauk Lions Club, president of the
3 Somonauk Music Boosters, a PTA and Somonauk School Board member
4 for decades and president for years; he was an honorary member
5 of the Somonauk FFA chapter and was a cultural icon in the Fox
6 Valley as an emcee for hundreds of Farm Bureau, community, and
7 church events for decades; and

8 WHEREAS, He played center in basketball and pitched
9 softball for town and church leagues in the 40s and 50s; he was
10 an enthusiastic water skier, had an affair with golf, and was
11 an avid bowler and gardener his entire adult life; he also
12 entertained church and community events as "Doc and the Country
13 Boys" musical and variety show; and

14 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife,
15 Shirley, on June 4, 2010; and his sister and brother-in-law,
16 Marge (Dean) Coddington; and

17 WHEREAS, Donald Guehler is survived by his sons, Dennis
18 "Denny" Guehler and Roger Guehler; his daughters, Rhonda
19 (Darrell) Vander Bloomen and Sherrill (Gary) Randau; his
20 granddaughter, Katie Randau; his grandsons, Adam Stavros, Dan
21 Vander Bloomen, and Torr Randau; his sister-in-law, Mary
22 Krzystofiak; his brother-in-law, Chuck (Stella) Walker; and a
23 niece and four nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 his family and friends, the passing of Donald Guehler; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Donald Guehler as a symbol of our
7 sincere sympathy.